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1. I CALLED ON FOREIGN MINISTER OREJA JULY 20 TO

DISCUSS WITH HIM HOW WE SHOULD PROCEED WITH OUR EFFORTS TO BRING SPAIN INTO CLOSE ASSOCIATION WITH NATO I RECALLED TO HIM THOSE PARTS OF THE TREATY REFERRING SPECIFICALLY TO THIS ASPECT AND SAID I THOUGH IT WAS IMPORTANT THAT WE SHOULD MOVE FORWARD AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE TO CONSIDER WHAT MIGHT BE DONE AS BETWEEN OURSELVES AS WELL AS BETWEEN SPAIN AND CERTAIN NATO MEMBERS TO GIVE EFFECT TO WHAT WE BOTH AGREED WAS IMPORTANT OBJECTIVE. I TOLD HIM THAT IT WAS OUR INTENTION FOLLOWING THIS INITIAL CONTACT WITH HIM TO HAVE OUR NATO MISSION INFORM SELECTED ALLIES OF OUR GENERAL APPROACH, ALTHOUGH I WANTED HIM TO KNOW THAT WE WOULD IN NO WAY ACT AS INTERMEDIARY.

2. I SAID THAT I KNEW HOW BUSY THE MINISTER NOW WAS ALSO A MEMBER OF THE DRAFTING COMMITTEE FOR THE GOVERNMENT'S INTERNAL PROGRAM; I THEREFORE SUGGESTED HE MIGHT WANT TO DESIGNATE POSSIBLY THE NEW UNDERSECRETARY TO UNDERTAKE A MORE DETAILED DISCUSSION OF THE VARIOUS STEPS WHICH WE HAVE IN MIND AND OF COURSE ANY IDEAS THAT GOS ITSELF MIGHT HAVE AS TO HOW TO PROCEED.

3. OREJA SAID THAT HE PERSONALLY ATTACHED GREAT IMPORTANCE TO THE QUESTION OF CLOSER ASSOCIATION WITH NATO AND BELIEVED IT DESIRABLE TO MOVE FORWARD AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE IN CONSIDERING HOW TO INCREASE SPAIN'S MORE ACTIVE ASSOCIATION WITH THE ALLIANCE. HE WOULD IN ALL PROBABILITY DESIGNATE THE NEW UNDERSECRETARY TO TAKE ON THIS MATTER AS HE WOULD BE BETTER ABLE TO COORDINATE THE ACTIVITIES OF THE DIRECTOR GENERAL WHO MIGHT BE INVOLVED. HE OFFERS NO OBJECTION TO THE IDEA THAT US NATO SHOULD INFORM SELECTED ALLIES OF OUR DISCUSSION AND SAID HE WOULD BE BACK IN TOUCH WITH ME SHORTLY SO THAT A MORE DETAILED DISCUSSION COULD BE INITIATED WITH THE UNDERSECRETARY.

4. COMMENT: IN LIGHT OF ABOVE, US NATO MAY NOW
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WISH TO PROCEED WITH SELECTED ALLIES TO ADVISE THEM OF OUR GENERAL APPROACH. WE SHALL OF COURSE KEEP DEPARTMENT AND US NATO FULLY INFORMED AS OUR MORE DETAILED DISCUSSIONS PROCEED.
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